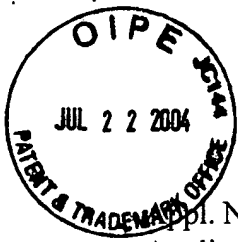


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. P-4498P2	
Applicant(s): P.G. Alchas et al.					
Serial No. 09/834,438	Filing Date April 13, 2001	Examiner L.H. Thanh		Group Art Unit 3763	
Invention: INTRADERMAL NEEDLE					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
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RESPONSE TO APRIL 20, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to an Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004 (the "Office Action"). A response to the Office Action is due no later than July 20, 2004. Thus, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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